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Via CM, RRR, P 498 497 454

Andrew Turley
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 East Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4710

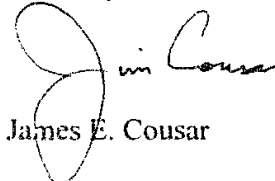
Dear Mr. Turley:

I am counsel to Mr. Alonzo Cantu, one of the respondents in MUR 4710. Enclosed you will find Mr. Cantu's Statement of Designation of Counsel. I write to seek a 30-day extension for the filing of my client's response to the complaint. Respondent received your letter of January 27, 1998 on February 10, making his response due on February 25. I ask that he be permitted to file his response on or before March 27.

Respondent's good cause for the extension is that he requires additional time to gather the facts necessary for a response. The allegation against Mr. Cantu appears to be that he allowed his secretary to relay to him information from an individual who falsely represented herself as wishing to purchase a ticket to a political fundraising event. While it appears that these allegations would not describe a violation under the Federal Election Code, Mr. Cantu and his counsel need additional time to review the facts and, if appropriate, locate the pertinent legal authority confirming that the allegations do not describe a violation.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at the above address and phone number.

Sincerely,



James E. Cousar

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSELMUR 4730NAME OF COUNSEL: James E. CousarFIRM: Thompson & Knight, P.C.ADDRESS: 98 San Jacinto BoulevardSuite #1200Austin, Texas 78701TELEPHONE: (512) 469-6100FAX: (512) 469-6180

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

February 17, 1998

Date

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